

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 41, line 15  
with the following rewritten paragraph.*

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a Now, a process for the limit detection at step ~~S216~~S218 will be described. As shown in Fig. 11, the CPU 50 determines whether or not the rate control signal provided from the zoom controller 326 instructs moving in the widephoto direction or moving in the telephoto direction (step S270). As described with regard to step S213, because the limit detection process is executed when the rate control signal is zero, it is impossible to decide in what direction the rate control signal instructs to move to the time of determination of step S270 alone. However, the limit detection process shows the process including the case since the limit detection process can be performed while the zoom lens 60 is moving, like the shot operation detection process. Thus, in a case where the zoom lens 60 is stopping, the determination of step S270 may be performed in the direction the zoom lens 60 was moving at that time. Alternatively, a process presented hereunder may be performed with respect to the widephoto and telephoto directions.

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